

SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR

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SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR,
Sonoma, California.

CITY OFFICIAL PAPER.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 1900.

THE principal objection to the present election law, in regard to the ballot, is that instructions to voters as printed upon the ballot is not sufficiently explicit. If one or more candidates are running for the same office and their names appear upon the ballot in proper form the voter will find it necessary to bear in mind just how many he is to vote for or should he stamp too many of the candidates his ballot will be thrown out. Upon the old form definite instructions were given as to how many should be voted for under each heading.

CANDIDATES for the city election are now all out and at present things seem quite evenly divided. The contestants for the several offices are: Clerk, Joe Small and Henry Seipp; Treasurer, A. Bulotti and Geo. H. H. Cornelius; Marshal, Jas. Dyer and J. H. Albertson; Trustees, George Breitenbach, Henry Castagnasso, Settimo Ciucci, Gustave H. Hotz.

Trustees Meeting

The board of city trustees held their regular semi-monthly meeting at the pavilion Wednesday evening with a full board present. Trustee Duhring occupied the chair.

Minutes of the last regular and the adjourned meeting of the 15th were read and approved. Bills were presented and after being recommended by the proper committees were ordered paid as follows: John Stademan, labor \$6.00; Joe B. Small, drawing plans \$1.00; W. R. Stamms, printing, \$22.90.

Three bids were received for building the new bridge on France street and were read as follows: L. Breitenbach \$264.00; G. DeBenardi, \$249.50; Small & Stockwell \$295.00. On motion it was ordered that Mr. De Benardi be awarded the contract for building the bridge and that he be required to give a bond or certified check in the sum of \$100. to the City Clerk for the faithful performance of the work.

Trustee Harris introduced a resolution which set forth that the city official election should be held on April 9th, and that the election board should be as follows: Inspectors, J. N. Stademan and P. G. Keil; Judges, Horatio Appleton and Wm. Trudgen; Tally Clerks, Louis H. Green and R. A. McDonnell; Ballot Clerks, Thomas Brown and J. D. Wagon. The compensation of the election officers was fixed at \$3 each.

The clerk was instructed to inquire into the practice of other cities in regard to collecting licenses for standing stallions within the city limits.

Bishop Moreland in Sonoma

The services held in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon by Bishop W. H. Moreland was quite largely attended and much enjoyed. The Rev. John Partridge of Petaluma accompanied the Bishop and assisted in the service. The sermon as delivered by this learned gentleman was filled with much good thought for all who were believers in the Christian faith whether of his creed or not. The illustrations drawn were beautiful and could be deemed by the smallest child present. The duet sang by Messrs. Smith and Argol was highly pleasing and added much to the pleasure of those present.

Shortly after the close of the service the two reverend gentlemen departed for Petaluma where they were to hold services again that evening.

OUR WEEKLY LETTER.

FROM THE UPPER END OF THE VALLEY.

Maurice Rawson Presents a Few Facts, Figures and Statistics Upon the Water Question.

MR. EDITOR: As the all absorbing topic at Sonoma now seems to be in connection with the bond election to be held in your city on the 7th. of next month, perhaps a few hints from one who has given the subject some study, might not be out of place or ill timed. It is an acknowledged and established fact that water which can be furnished by a gravity system from natural sources, is not only in every case much more economical but is always comparatively free from the noxious gasses and injurious mineral taint with which that obtained from artificial wells is almost invariably impregnated, while all old settlers in your community will concede that no supply could be more pure and wholesome than that which so generously flows from the crystal spring of Lachryma Montis. In view of these facts it seems to have been a case of gross neglect or unpardonable oversight upon the part of the expert who was employed to examine and report upon the "Schocken" well, that he did not commence his work by causing the water to be subjected to a thorough chemical analysis in order to ascertain whether it contains properties which might prove injurious to the health of the consumer when used constantly in large quantities for culinary and drinking purposes. It is possible that the minerals contained in this artesian water may not be dangerous for such domestic uses, but if this is the case, it should be positively so demonstrated before any steps are taken to purchase this expensive water right, and even if it should be found to be of harmless quality and ample quantity, what assurance have the promoters of the project that the fancy price which has been fixed upon for this "little hole in the ground" will not be doubled or trebled if the measure is carried; for they have only a verbal promise from the owner as to the price at which he will sell, when nothing less than an iron clad written contract is safe in dealing with that individual, as your correspondent learned long ago from sad personal experience.

The unsuccessful experiments in Santa Rosa, as in many other places, have fully developed the fact that the adoption of the artesian system is a failure which has not only involved that city in endless and costly litigation, but has also deprived the consumer of the pure ample and inexpensive supply which was formerly furnished from Lake Ralphine. Healdsburg in this county and our neighboring city of Suisun in Solano, have also met with similar misfortune in dealing with the same complicated question. In Healdsburg recently a bond of \$80,000 was voted for the construction of municipal water works, the first year's special tax for the payment of the interest having been 75c on the \$100 which caused such a drain upon the treasury that all city employees instead of securing extra work at high wages are now laid off for lack of funds. Suisun also voted a water bond of \$42,000 requiring a special tax of 85c which has impoverished the city, while the result in other respects is by no means satisfactory, as the supply and service is said to be not as good as that which the people enjoyed under the old regime.

Healdsburg's assessment the first year under the bond was \$781,000 and Suisun's \$327,000. While the present assessment of Sonoma is \$284,000 of which \$130,000 is assessed to widows and non-residents who will have no voice in the matter. The proposed bond of \$20,000 would make the first year's special tax about 59c which together with your present rate of 40c would make the city tax 99c on the \$100. This added to the heavy State and county tax would be likely to cause the owners of property in your city to wish that they had invested their capital elsewhere or that the wise originators of the scheme had more carefully investigated its merits

before they attempted to carry it into effect.

With the unfortunate experience of their neighboring towns before them, the intelligent citizens of Sonoma will be likely to pause and give this matter most thoughtful consideration before casting their votes in favor of such a reckless and extravagant proposition. A glance at Article 2 of section v. of Ordinance No. 65 will show to even the most casual reader how ridiculous it was to assert therein that the present source of water supply is liable to give out at any time and then to follow the statement by asking the people to vote \$20,000 upon which interest must be paid for forty years, only to buy a part of that very system which they had just condemned in a previous clause.

It has been hinted to the writer that some of your people consider it rather bad taste for him to touch in his weekly letter, or presume to offer suggestions upon this local water problem, for the reason that he is neither a resident or property owner of your city, but he would call attention to the fact that he lived for nearly a quarter of a century just beyond the outskirts of the town and that he did not come to the valley penniless but has been a heavy taxpayer here and has spent ten times more money with the business men of Sonoma than the owner of the paper which fills its columns every week with misleading articles in advocacy of the water scheme. He has also many warm friends to whom he is indebted for kindnesses and courtesies innumerable, who are heavy property owners of your city and violently opposed to the proposition, he therefore considers that the only apology which he owes to your readers is that he can not make his arguments upon the subject stronger and more convincing.

MAURICE RAWSON.

FOR CITY TRUSTEE

GEO. BREITENBACH

Election April 9th

FOR CITY TRUSTEE

HENRY CASTAGNASSO

Election April 9th

FOR CITY MARSHAL

J. R. DYER

Election April 9th

FOR CITY MARSHAL

JAS. H. ALBERTSON

Election April 9th

OFFICIAL

NOTICE OF

Special Election.

To the Qualified Voters of the City of Sonoma.

Notice is hereby given that a special election has been by the Board of Trustees of said city, by ordinance passed by a vote of more than two thirds of all of the members of said Board of Trustees, and approved by the President of said Board of Trustees, and published once a week for two successive weeks in a weekly newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said city, duly and regularly called, and will be held in said City of Sonoma on the

7th Day of April, 1900,

at which special election shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said City of Sonoma, the proposition of incurring an indebtedness in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of the acquisition, construction and completion by said City of Sonoma of said permanent system of water works, including all necessary lands, rights of way, water rights, distributing pipes, leases, contracts for the supplying of water, structures, aqueducts, reservoirs, wells, tanks and machinery for the same, and connected with the use thereof, and

essary lands, rights of way, water rights, distributing pipes, leases, contracts for the supplying of water, structures, aqueducts, reservoirs, wells, tanks and machinery for the same and connected with the use thereof and to do and perform all acts and things whatsoever necessary for the construction and completion of public water works for the said city and its inhabitants, and for the construction and completion of said water works, to supply said city and the inhabitants thereof with a sufficient quantity of pure, fresh water for domestic use and for the use of the Fire Department, and for flushing sewers, sprinkling streets and other purposes.

If the proposition of incurring a municipal indebtedness for the purposes above set forth be accepted by the qualified electors of said City, by a vote of two-thirds of all the voters voting at such special election, bonds of the City of Sonoma, for said municipal improvements will be issued for the cost of said improvements.

Said bonds shall be of the character known as "Serials," and shall be payable in United States Gold Coins of the present standard of weight and fineness, and in the manner following: One-fortieth part of the whole indebtedness for the purposes aforesaid for which the qualified voters of said city shall accept the proposition each and every year on a day and at a place to be specified in said bonds and to be hereafter fixed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma, until the whole amount of said indebtedness shall be paid in semi-annual installments, payable on certain days in each year, and at a place to be specified in said bonds and to be hereafter fixed by the Board of Trustees of said city.

For the said acquisition, construction and completion of said permanent public municipal improvements as set forth in Ordinance No. 65, there will be forty (40) bonds which shall be of the denomination of Five Hundred Dollars each, bearing semi-annual interest coupons for bearing semi-annual interest coupons for the payment thereof will amount each year for the payment thereof to the sum of \$10,000, and then paid as aforesaid thus making the total tax levy during the full period of forty years the sum of \$40,000.

Said special election hereby called as aforesaid, shall be held on Saturday the 7th day of April, 1900, and shall be held and conducted, and the votes thereof received and canvassed, and the result thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided and according to the law governing such elections in the City of Sonoma and as provided by the general election laws of this State, except where such general laws may conflict with the State law for elections of the kind hereby called or with this or any ordinance; and the polls for the election shall be kept open from the hour of six o'clock of the morning of the said 7th day of April, 1900, to the hour of five o'clock of the afternoon of said day.

The place of voting at said special election shall be in the building known as the City Pavilion, situated in the public Plaza in said City of Sonoma; and the officers to conduct said election shall be as follows: Inspectors, Joseph B. Small and Wm. Trudgen; Inspectors, A. Bulotti and P. G. Keil; Ballot Clerks, Thomas Brown and J. D. Wagon; Tally Clerks, Louis H. Green and R. A. McDonnell.

In case any of the officers above appointed to conduct said election do not attend the opening of the polls on the morning of the election, the electors of the said city present shall have the right to elect any competent person from among themselves to fill the place of such absent member or members.

All persons qualified by law to vote at municipal elections in said city shall be qualified to vote at said special election. The ballots which shall be used at said special election shall be of the same character and form as ballots required by law to be used at municipal elections in said City of Sonoma, except as hereinafter otherwise provided. Each of said ballots shall have printed thereon the following caption or heading, to-wit: "MUNICIPAL TICKETS." Each ballot shall have printed thereon and under said caption the following words, to-wit: "Proposition for incurring an indebtedness by the City of Sonoma, in the aggregate amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the acquisition, construction and completion by said city of a permanent system of water works, including all necessary lands, rights of way, water rights, distributing pipes, leases, contracts for the supplying of water, structures, aqueducts, reservoirs, wells, tanks and machinery for the same, and all other things necessary for the proper use thereof, as set forth in Ordinance No. 65 of said city." Underneath the last foregoing words upon each of said ballots shall be printed the following: "To vote for or against incurring said indebtedness stamp a cross (X) to the right of and against the answer you desire to give." Underneath which shall be printed in one line the following: "For incurring the indebtedness," to the right of which shall be printed in one square the word "Yes" with a blank square to the right thereof, and immediately below the same there shall be printed in one line the following: "For incurring the indebtedness," to the right of which shall be printed in one square the word "No" with a blank square to the right thereof. Every voter desiring to assent to and accept the said proposition for incurring the said indebtedness set forth herein shall in voting at said election stamp a cross (X) in the blank square to the right of the word "Yes" printed upon his ballot as aforesaid. And every voter desiring to reject the said proposition of incurring said indebtedness shall in voting at said election stamp a cross (X) in the blank square to the right of the word "No" printed upon his ballot as aforesaid. Such marking or stamping shall only be done with a stamp, which with the necessary pad and ink will be provided for each booth for the purpose, by the Clerk of the City of Sonoma.

By order of the Board of Trustees,
ROBERT A. POPPE,
City Clerk.

Sonoma, March 15, 1900.

OFFICIAL

Ordinance No. 66

To the Qualified Voters of the City of Sonoma.

An Ordinance authorizing the publication of notice of a special election by the voters of the City of Sonoma, upon a proposition to incur a municipal debt aggregating Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the object and purpose of acquiring, constructing and completing a permanent system of municipal water works by the City of Sonoma, for the use of said city and its inhabitants.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma did on the 1st day of February, 1900, pass a certain Ordinance No. 65, calling a special election in and for the City of Sonoma, to be held in said city on the 7th day of April, 1900, at which election there should be submitted to the qualified voters of Sonoma City a proposition for incurring an indebtedness by said city aggregating Twenty Thousand Dollars, for the following object and purpose, to-wit: Of acquiring, constructing and completing a permanent system of municipal water works by said city for the use of said city and its inhabitants, including all necessary lands, rights of way, water rights, distributing pipes, leases, contracts for the supplying of water, structures, aqueducts, reservoirs, wells, tanks and machinery for the same, and connected with the use thereof, and

That the following notice of said special election called by said Ordinance No. 65, as aforesaid, has been published in the SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in said City of Sonoma, and on the following dates, to-wit: February 28th, 1900, March 2nd, 1900, and March 9th, 1900, therefore,
The Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma do hereby ordain as follows:

SECTION I.

That the following notice of said special election called by said Ordinance No. 65, as aforesaid, has been published in the SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR, a weekly newspaper of general circulation published in said City of Sonoma, and on the following dates, to-wit: February 28th, 1900, March 2nd, 1900, and March 9th, 1900, therefore,
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tion, in the SONOMA VALLEY EXPOSITOR, a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said City of Sonoma as follows to-wit:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION.

To the qualified voters of the City of Sonoma. Notice is hereby given that a special election has been by the Board of Trustees of said city, by ordinance passed by a vote of more than two-thirds of all of the members of said Board of Trustees, and approved by the President of said Board of Trustees, and published once a week for two successive weeks in a weekly newspaper of general circulation printed and published in said city, duly and regularly called, and will be held in said City of Sonoma on the

7th Day of April, 1900,

at which special election shall be submitted to the qualified voters of said City of Sonoma, the proposition of incurring an indebtedness in the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the purpose of the acquisition, construction and completion by said City of Sonoma of said permanent system of water works, to supply said city and the inhabitants thereof with a sufficient quantity of pure, fresh water for domestic use and for the use of the Fire Department, and for flushing sewers, sprinkling streets and other purposes.

If the proposition of incurring a municipal indebtedness for the purposes above set forth be accepted by the qualified electors of said City, by a vote of two-thirds of all the voters voting at such special election, bonds of the City of Sonoma, for said municipal improvements will be issued for the cost of said improvements.

Said bonds shall be of the character known as "Serials," and shall be payable in United States Gold Coins of the present standard of weight and fineness, and in the manner following: One-fortieth part of the whole indebtedness for the purposes aforesaid for which the qualified voters of said city shall accept the proposition each and every year on a day and at a place to be specified in said bonds and to be hereafter fixed by the Board of Trustees of the City of Sonoma, until the whole amount of said indebtedness shall be paid in semi-annual installments, payable on certain days in each year, and at a place to be specified in said bonds and to be hereafter fixed by the Board of Trustees of said city.

For the said acquisition, construction and completion of said permanent public municipal improvements as set forth in Ordinance No. 65, there will be forty (40) bonds which shall be of the denomination of Five Hundred Dollars each, bearing semi-annual interest coupons for bearing semi-annual interest coupons for the payment thereof will amount each year for the payment thereof to the sum of \$10,000, and then paid as aforesaid thus making the total tax levy during the full period of forty years the sum of \$40,000.

Said special election hereby called as aforesaid, shall be held on Saturday the 7th day of April, 1900, and shall be held and conducted, and the votes thereof received and canvassed, and the result thereof ascertained and determined as herein provided and according to the law governing such elections in the City of Sonoma and as provided by the general election laws of this State, except where such general laws may conflict with the State law for elections of the kind hereby called or with this or any ordinance; and the polls for this election shall be kept open from the hour of six o'clock of the morning of the said 7th day of April, 1900, to the hour of five o'clock of the afternoon of said day.

The place of voting at said special election shall be in the building known as the City Pavilion, situated in the public Plaza in said City of Sonoma; and the officers to conduct said election shall be as follows: Inspectors, Joseph B. Small and Wm. Trudgen; Inspectors, A. Bulotti and P. G. Keil; Ballot Clerks, Thomas Brown and J. D. Wagon; Tally Clerks, Louis H. Green and R. A. McDonnell.

In case any of the officers above appointed to conduct said election do not attend the opening of the polls on the morning of the election, the electors of the said city present shall have the right to elect any competent person from among themselves to fill the place of such absent member or members.

All persons qualified by law to vote at municipal elections in said city shall be qualified to vote at said special election. The ballots which shall be used at said special election shall be of the same character and form as ballots required by law to be used at municipal elections in said City of Sonoma, except as hereinafter otherwise provided. Each of said ballots shall have printed thereon the following caption or heading, to-wit: "MUNICIPAL TICKETS." Each ballot shall have printed thereon and under said caption the following words, to-wit: "Proposition for incurring an indebtedness by the City of Sonoma, in the aggregate amount of Twenty Thousand Dollars for the acquisition, construction and completion by said city of a permanent system of water works, including all necessary lands, rights of way, water rights, distributing pipes, leases, contracts for the supplying of water, structures, aqueducts, reservoirs, wells, tanks and machinery for the same, and all other things necessary for the proper use thereof, as set forth in Ordinance No. 65 of said city." Underneath the last foregoing words upon each of said ballots shall be printed the following: "To vote for or against incurring said indebtedness stamp a cross (X) to the right of and against the answer you desire to give." Underneath which shall be printed in one line the following: "For incurring the indebtedness," to the right of which shall be printed in one square the word "Yes" with a blank square to the right thereof, and immediately below the same there shall be printed in one line the following: "For incurring the indebtedness," to the right of which shall be printed in one square the word "No" with a blank square to the right thereof. Every voter desiring to assent to and accept the said proposition for incurring the said indebtedness set forth herein shall in voting at said election stamp a cross (X) in the blank square to the right of the word "Yes" printed upon his ballot as aforesaid. And every voter desiring to reject the said proposition of incurring said indebtedness shall in voting at said election stamp a cross (X) in the blank square to the right of the word "No" printed upon his ballot as aforesaid. Such marking or stamping shall only be done with a stamp, which with the necessary pad and ink will be provided for each booth for the purpose, by the Clerk of the City of Sonoma.

SECTION II.

The City Clerk shall provide for said election in said City not less than one hundred municipal tickets for every fifty or fraction of fifty voters registered in said City, and shall also cause to be printed on plain white paper, with-out water mark or endorsement, except the words "Sample Ballot" printed on the back, at least as many copies of the form of ballots provided for use in said election as there shall be registered voters in said City. Such copy shall be designated "Sample Ballot" and shall be furnished to registered voters by the City Clerk in closing copies of said sample ballots separately in envelopes, addressed to each voter at the correct postoffice address as the same appears upon the register corrected at that date as the law provides, and in the same manner as printed matter, through the United States post-office, for delivery to each said voter. The mailing of all of said envelopes containing said sample ballots, as aforesaid, shall commence at least ten days before the time fixed for said election, and continue so that all of said envelopes containing said sample ballots shall have been mailed at least three whole days before the day of said election. Not more than one of said sample ballots to be furnished to any one voter.

Copies so designated as sample ballots shall also be furnished to registered voters at the office of such clerk five days before the day fixed by law for such election, and at any time during said five days, provided that not more than one sample ballot shall be furnished to any one voter. Such clerk shall cause to be printed in large clear type on cards, instruction for the guidance of electors in obtaining and marking their ballots. He shall also cause such card to every registered voter in said city at the time time and in the same manner that he mails the sample ballot as herein before provided, and shall also mail twice before such cards to the Board of Election in such city at the same time and in the same manner as the printed ballot and sample ballot. The Board of Election shall post at least one of such cards in each booth or compartment provided for the preparation of ballots and not less than three of such cards at such places in and about the booths or compartments of the election, Sections 1214 and 1215 of the Political Code, and Section 61 of the Penal Code shall also be printed on each of said cards.

SECTION III.

This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, approval and publication.

Passed this 15th day of March, 1900, by the following votes:
Trustee Duhring voting Aye,
Trustee Harris voting Aye,
Trustee Hotz voting Aye,
Trustee Seipp voting Aye,
Trustee Davis absent.
Approved this 15th day of March, 1900.
FREDK. T. DUHRING,
President Board of City Trustees.
J. H. SEIPP,
City Clerk, pro tem.
ROBERT A. POPPE,
City Clerk.

1900

Spring Opening

Novelties in Millinery and Dry Goods

Saturday March 17th

and following days

G. H. Hotz

A. W. WEAVER,

General

Blacksmith and Woodworker

PLOW SHEAR GRINDING

AND HORSESHOEING A SPECIALTY.

Agent for Peerless Plows.

Shop West Side of Plaza,

Sonoma



The UNION

Livery and Feed Stable

GRANVILLE HARRIS, Proprietor.

We can Give you as fine turnouts as any in the Valley

And at Very Reasonable Rates.

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The

Old Reliabel Drug Store

Prescriptions Carefully Compounded

ED. WEGNER, Chemist and Apothecary.

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AND

Drugs, Medicines,

General Merchandise.

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SONOMA, CAL.

Winter Goods!

Blankets

Shoes and

Rubber Goods at

SONOMA SHOE STORE

Chas. Dal Poggetto, Prop.

NAPA ST.

SONOMA, CAL.

GEORGE BAUER GUITARS and MANDOLINS

Unsurpassed as musical

Instruments Improve

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S. S. Stewart Banjos

Have a world-wide renown as the

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Sold at Factory Prices in San Francisco

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Agents for Steinway Pianos, Estey Organs Etc., San Francisco.

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California Northwestern Railway Company

LESSEE OF

SAN FRANCISCO & NORTH PACIFIC RAILWAY.

Official Time Table.

Leaves Sonoma		From Oct. 15, '99	Arrive Sonoma	
Wk days	Sundays	Destination	Sundays	Wk days
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	S. F. S. Rafael	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
10.30 a. m.	10.25 a. m.	Glen Ellen	6.40 a. m.	6.18 a. m.
7.20 p. m.	7.15 p. m.	intermediates	3.37 p. m.	2.45 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	Petalu. S. Rosa	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	C'v'lo H'ldsb'rg	intermediates.	10.30 a. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Ukiah and	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Sebastapol and	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	intermediates	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.
2.45 p. m.	3.37 p. m.	Guerneville and	10.25 a. m.	10.30 a. m.
6.18 a. m.	6.40 a. m.	intermediates.	7.15 p. m.	7.20 p. m.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

LATE HAPPENINGS IN OUR COMMUNITY.

Viewings of the Valley Taken at Random.

Father Quill Will Visit Home

Rev. Father O'Malley of San Francisco arrived here last week to take charge of St. Francis' church while Father Quill takes a well earned rest. He leaves today for San Francisco from where he will start the first of next week for Ireland. He goes to visit his old home and aged parents after an absence of thirteen years. He will be absent from his parish about six months during which time his work will be under the supervision of Father O'Malley.

This morning Father Quill was given a surprise by his many friends who contributed a purse for the expenses of his homeward journey for which he is very grateful.

Geo. Bulotti was up on a visit to home folks Sunday.

R. E. Perkins was on business in the metropolis Tuesday.

W. H. Miller visited Orange Lawn a few days last week.

There is a fine lot of furniture changing hands at the Sonoma Racket these days.

Supervisor J. L. Crooks and two sons spent St. Patrick's day with friends in Sonoma.

Al. Pauli came up from the city Saturday evening and spent Sunday with his family.

Dr. McLean came up from San Francisco and spent Sunday viewing old scenes in this valley.

Preserve your photographs by having them artistically framed at the Racket Store Sonoma. From 40c up.

Tell your friends to go to the Racket Store for lowest living prices. Fast friendship sought. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Friend McHarvey came up from Angel Island Saturday evening and spent Sunday the guest of his grandmother Mrs. A. McHarvey.

A surprise party was tendered Mr. Schocken at his residence Saturday evening. A large number of friends were present and a pleasant time was had.

Whole box codfish for 25c. Yarmouth blotters 3 for 10c at Weems.

Vernon Goodwin accompanied by a friend came over from Santa Rosa last Sunday and spent a portion of the day with his old friends at this place.

Hay 75c per bale at Weems.

The Cut Rate Bazar of Petaluma is offering a good drop-head sewing machine for less money than many are asking for the old style stationary heads. See ad.

Carrol Prunty was up from San Francisco looking over his ranch south of town the latter part of last week. While here he paid this office a very pleasant call.

Both of our millinery stores have had their spring opening days. G. H. Hotz had his opening last Saturday and Emperor & Fuschia held theirs on Wednesday of this week. The season's trade is reported to have started off very satisfactory.

A first-class upright piano for sale at a bargain. For particulars enquire at this office or of N. R. Hansen, Glen Ellen.

E. T. Allen who recently purchased the Erskine place is now having the house repaired and put in first-class condition. About half a carload of lumber was taken to the place last week and the carpenters are busily engaged on the work.

Special for Saturday at Weems cash store. 7 lbs. Old Government Java for \$1.00

David McKay, one of the section hands of the Southern Pacific while working on the depot of that place this morning, fell and broke his left arm. He was brought to Sonoma and had the fractured arm set. He was taken to the company's hospital at San Francisco.

Three stringed brooms for 15c and 3 doz. oranges for 25c at Weems.

The Institute at Glen Ellen

Wednesday was a gala day in Glen Ellen as a very large number of agriculturalists of all types and classes together with their families and friends were in attendance at the meeting of the Farmers' Institute at that place and as "coming events cast their shadows before," the people were incidentally reminded that a political campaign is near at hand, as at least one aspirant for Congress and not fewer than four seekers after Supervisory honors were prominent among the guests, shaking hands with their friends, kissing the babies and "setting them up to the boys."

The morning exercises were opened by the President of the Day, R. G. Sutherland with a few interesting introductory remarks in the course of which he explained the aims and objects of these conventions.

Professors Fowler and Haynes of the University of California delivered interesting lectures upon topics connected with the welfare of the farmer. Addresses were also given by A. S. Woods and P. T. Duhring which were thoroughly appreciated and highly pleased the audience.

A vocal solo was then exquisitely rendered by Miss Pearl Ogan, a bright young pupil of the Glen Ellen school, when the Institute adjourned to take lunch and hold the afternoon session at the Home for the Feeble Minded in response to an invitation which had been kindly extended to all by Doctor and Mrs. Osborne.

The program included a very interesting description of farming in the Philippines by Prof. Hayne and an instructive address by Dr. Osborne upon the subject of "Olive Oil and Its Uses." A violin solo was then well rendered by Prof. H. Scheick when after two more fine selections of music by the Home band, a resolution was unanimously adopted thanking the officers and attendants of the institution for their generous hospitality and sumptuous banquet and all returned to Glen Ellen where the evening exercises were held at Mervyn hall with short lectures by the Professors from Berkeley and an able address by Thos. Johnson, the correspondent of the Santa Rosa Press Democrat, which was followed by a zither solo by Mr. Gender and a recitation by Miss Eva Ping, so delightfully given as to cause the crowded house to ring with the applause of her hearers. As a proof that those present fully appreciated the efforts of the fair sex, perhaps no portion of the excellent program received more enthusiastic applause than the sweet song of Miss Ogan in the morning and the talented recitation of Miss Ping in the evening.

Much admiration was also bestowed upon the tasteful effect in flowers, ferns and bunting resulting from the artistic work of Mrs. R. B. McCord, Miss Nellie Bishop and Miss Maude Kennedy the ladies who comprised the committee upon decorations.

Just before his announcement that the session would adjourn that all might participate in the giddy mazes of the dance which was to follow, the president suggested that those in favor of the holding of annual sessions of the institute at Glen Ellen should arise. This brought every man woman and child in the hall to their feet, in response to which Prof. Fowler stated that he would place the matter before the faculty of the University and that he had no doubt but that they would willingly accede to the request. The seats were then removed for dancing which was kept up until the "wee small hours," when the guests departed all highly delighted with the days entertainment.

Jobbing of all kinds in the plumbing and tinware lines. Terra cotta, sewer and stove pipes at Dunbars store on Broadway.

Preaching Services in the M. E. church Sunday March 25th at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning Subject "Is the world growing better or growing worse? Evening Subject Mans Part in Salvation—Repentance; God's Part—Remission.

Young People's meeting at 6:30 p. m. All are invited. HENRY PEARCE, Pastor.

Wants Maurice Rawson to Answer a Few Questions

MR. EDITOR: In any discussion, it is a fair proposition to start with, that there are always two sides to a question. Knowing your Glen Ellen correspondent therefore as well as I do, and having found him heretofore to be an enterprising, go ahead citizen, and one who seemed always inclined to be just in every way, I would be surprised at his stand on the water question, did I not recognize in his comments, an echo of the arguments of the anti-waterites; which compels me to think that his investigation of this question has been thoroughly onesided, and influenced mainly by his personal prejudices.

No one can regret more than I do that your correspondent should have taken this stand, for I am positive that were he a resident of Sonoma and familiar with the subject in all its details the proposition to bond the city for water works would have no more enthusiastic advocate.

Let us dispassionately look at some of his statements. He seems to start with, the idea that at least a majority of the present Board of Trustees are rascals of the deepest dye, who having had a public trust placed upon their shoulders are holding it only for the sake of swindling their friends and fellow citizens among whom some of them have, for a life time and others for many years, been building up a reputation for honesty and fair business transactions. Does it seem reasonable to think that they are willing at one fell swoop, to sacrifice all this? Have the present board, since they have held office, shown themselves to be boodlers? If your correspondent has any evidence to offer, that a majority of the Board of Trustees are dishonest or dishonorable, he certainly ought to make it public, and not resort to insinuations.

Again, if the water proposition carries, every citizen can demand to see the contract and know how every dollar is expended and the demand cannot be denied.

Will your correspondent kindly explain how "It will be plain to nearly all, in case the measure is carried, that the contract for construction will be let to some outside expert in the business." If it is, it will be because the men in Sonoma, capable of handling it, allow it to be, as any and every one will have the privilege of bidding and unless the Trustees are the unmitigated scoundrels your correspondent insinuates they are, the resident here has a better chance of success than the outside man, being right on the ground and better able to familiarize himself with everything having a bearing on the matter. As for an outside contractor bringing in his own workmen, probably, so far as skilled mechanics are concerned, he would, and so too would a resident, as they might not be able to get them here; but the idea that the common laborer would be brought in is beyond reason. A large majority of the voters of Sonoma have, at both of our elections on the water question, been in favor of bonding and within less than ten of a two-thirds vote has each time been cast for it.

Whatever may have been said in regard to the new Santa Rosa water works, a late legal decision seems to place their value at from 20 to 25 per cent above their cost.

It seems to me your correspondent did well to fight shy of the necessity for water works in Sonoma; and, sentimentality to one side, we are today virtually without a public water supply as was proven when the Schocken well was being tested and that supply was withdrawn from the town pipes.

As to the "Tax payers who will be disfranchised either on account of sex minority or non-residence" a large part of them favor the water proposition, knowing the great advantage it would be to our town; and so far as renters are concerned, they are not losing any rest over threats of property owners.

Now a word to the present water system. I yield to no one in my admiration of that grand old man General M. G. Vallejo. I knew him well and loved him too, and realize fully that he was a generous, public-spirited citizen and that to him we are indebted for the present water works; but, when your correspondent asserts that this water system "has always proved sufficient to supply the needs of our community" I must emphatically deny his assertion and dare him to his proofs. Our bitterest anti-waterites have never, openly, made any such assertion, but have claimed that private parties should furnish

the supply. After the present board came into office, Mrs. Emparan was interviewed and urged to put in new pipes and improve the present system; but after great exertion on her part to carry out the suggestion, she announced that she was unable to do so. The Trustees then, time and again, directly and indirectly, tried to get an option on this system, so that the town might incorporate it in a bonding proposition, but failed in this also. Then it was that they began to look elsewhere for a water supply.

A private corporation was formed here and applied for a franchise some time ago stating the terms on which they would put in a water system. The Trustees asked for certain modifications, and, after waiting for some months for a compliance and receiving no reply, again asked the corporation whether they would accept or not. They declined, and nothing was left but a proposition from the Trustees to bond the town.

It has now resolved itself into this—Does the town want a supply of water or not? MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

The Maxwell Orchestra to Play on April First.

On Sunday evening April 1st, Maxwell's orchestra will play again at the Congregational church. The members have been rehearsing regularly since the last appearance of the orchestra and the result of hard and conscientious work is very noticeable in the marked improvement of the playing. The members are all enthusiastic over the success of their organization and are deeply interested in its advancement. Mr. Maxwell has taken unusual pains to prepare a fine program, and every one should make it a point to attend and enjoy what promises to be the best musical entertainment ever offered to Sonoma people. The popular brass quartet will render one of their choice selections and Mr. William Horst will favor the congregation with the "Evening Star" from Fannhauser by Wagner as a Flugelhorn solo with pipe organ accompaniment.

Died Suddenly

Saturday the news of the sudden death of Mrs. J. B. Morris of Agua Caliente was received here and shocked the entire community as she had not been ill. At the time of her death she was in Petaluma visiting with her daughter Mrs. J. H. Madison. At the breakfast table she was taken with a stroke of apoplexy and despite medical aid she passed away in few minutes.

The deceased was a member of the Congregational church of this place and proved herself true to the christian faith and her many acts of kindness and the labors she preformed for the church will long be remembered by those who were co-workers with her.

Besides a husband she leaves a family of eight children, four sons and four daughters, to mourn her loss. The remains were taken to Oakland where they were interred Tuesday.

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Late Happenings in our Little Burg

Wm. Hamilton, manager of the Jones ranch, took Friday morning's train on the S. P.

Harry Knight was down from Sonoma Friday selling sewing machines.

N. Sorrenson and Tony Kiser were Friday evening visitors to your city last week.

M. P. Akers our local assessor was collecting taxes in Sonoma two days this week.

J. J. Dunbar was engaged at the Jones ranch last Friday repairing the pumps on that place.

A large delegation of Shellville people attended the services conducted by Bishop Moreland at Sonoma Sunday afternoon. The service was a rare treat to the large audience who highly enjoyed the excellent sermon and also the duet which was as highly appreciated as the sermon. We hope to have the opportunity to listen to a good many more such sermons in the coming year.

County Assessor Frank Dowd made a flying trip to Shellville Tuesday returning to Santa Rosa Wednesday morning.

The Misses D. and Z. Howe, M. Burke, A. Burke, A. Bryant and Evelin Wageman attended the social at the M. E. church Friday evening.

Miss Grace and Master Johnny Lawler are visiting in Petaluma this week.

Frank Guilfoyle has been making some splendid catches of fish in the tide water the past few days. He caught one beauty last Saturday which tipped the scales at 10 1/2 pounds.

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Notice of Election.

Notice is hereby given to the qualified electors of the City of Sonoma, State of California, that a General Municipal election will be held in said City at the City Pavilion on the Plaza of said city on the second Monday of April, 1900, to wit: the

9th Day of April, 1900.

for the election of the following city officers:

1. One Trustee for the full term of four years.
 2. One Trustee for the full term of four years.
 3. One City Clerk.
 4. One City Treasurer.
 5. One City Marshal.
- The polls for holding said election shall be opened at 6 o'clock of the morning of the day of election, and kept open until 5 o'clock of the afternoon of the said day, when the polls shall be closed.
- A board of election to conduct said election, has been appointed as follows:
- Inspector, J. N. Studeman.
Inspector, P. G. Kell.
Judge, Horatio Appleton.
Judge, Wm. Trudgen.
Tally Clerk, Louis H. Green.
Tally Clerk, R. A. McDowell.
Ballot Clerk, Thomas Brown.
Ballot Clerk, J. D. Watson.
- By order of the Board of Trustees.
(SEAL) ROBERT A. POPPE, City Clerk.

Sonoma, March 21st, 1900.

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As far as can be judged, the demand this year for such accommodations will be greater than in the past, and we would respectfully ask ALL THOSE WHO DESIRE TO RECEIVE SUMMER BOARDERS to advise us, so we can put their names on our list. Even if a party can accommodate but two three or four persons, let us know, as some like to be where there are no other boarders.

We have prepared a blank to be filled up, calling for the information necessary in our advertising. This can be procured from our Agents or from us direct. Please send in early, as our advertising matter must necessarily be ready by April 1st.

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